

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE ARIZONA
GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION COUNCIL
August 3, 2023
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A public meeting of the Arizona Geographic Information Council was convened at 10:00 AM on August 3, 2023, as a phone-in and virtual Google Meets meeting. Present at the meeting were the following members of the Arizona Geographic Information Council:

AGIC Officers

Name	Agency/Company	In Attendance
Kevin Blake, Chair	Yavapai County	Yes, In-Person
Patrick Whiteford, Vice Chair	Arizona Dept of Transportation	Yes, In-Person
Eric Shreve, Past Chair	Arizona Dept of Administration – 911 Office	Yes, Virtual
Lucas Murray, Treasurer	Arizona Dept of Transportation	Yes, Virtual
Phillip Leveille, Secretary	Maricopa County Assessor's Office	No, excused

**AGIC Board Members
Public-at-Large**

Name	Agency/Organization	In Attendance
Jack Avis	Arizona Public Land Surveyors	Yes, Virtual
Christian Black	United States Air Force	Yes, Virtual
Mark Christiano	United States Forest Service	Yes, Virtual
Jay Corum	USDA - Office of Inspector General	Yes, Virtual
Michael Dennis	NOAA - National Geodetic Survey	Yes, Virtual
Nicole Eiden	Arizona Department of Health Services	Yes, Virtual
Kris Estes	City of Buckeye	No, not excused
Jason Howard	Maricopa Association of Governments	Yes, In-Person
Shiloh Johnson	Maricopa County	Yes, Virtual
Wesley Kortuem	Arizona Department of Health Services	No, not excused
Keith Larson	USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service	Yes, Virtual
Shea Lemar	Arizona State University	Yes, Virtual
Jenna Leveille	Arizona State Land Department	Yes, In-Person
Christopher Lukinbeal	University of Arizona	No, excused
Ryan McClain	Arizona Department of Public Safety	No, excused
James Meyer	Arizona Department of Transportation	Yes, In-Person
Julie Mikolajczyk	Arizona Department of Environmental Quality	No, excused
Veronica Nixon	Arizona Department of Water Resources	Yes, Virtual
Phil Ponce	Engineering Mapping Solutions	Yes, Virtual
Dave Roby	AZ Dept of Military and Emergency Affairs	Yes, Virtual

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Name	Agency/Organization	In Attendance
Leslie Stovall	Gila River Indian Community	Yes, Virtual
Gene Trobia	Arizona State University	Yes, Virtual
Steve Whitney	Pima County ITD GIS	Yes, Virtual

Name	Agency/Company	In Attendance
Brian Fisher	Central Arizona Project	Yes, Virtual
Morgana Laurie	AZ Dept of Emergency and Military Affairs	Yes, Virtual
Mariah Modson	Arizona State Land Department	Yes, Virtual
Brian Bond	Yavapai County	Yes, Virtual
Sage Donaldson	Arizona Department of Transportation	Yes, In-Person
Howard Ward	Terra Systems Southwest	Yes, Virtual

A video of the meeting was recorded and posted to a [public link](#). Minute markers when agenda items are discussed are displayed **in yellow**.

I. Call to Order (Minute 0:16)

Kevin Blake called the meeting to order at 10:05 am. Jenna Leveille took the roll call of the council officers and members; attendance was recorded, and Quorum was established.

II. Approval of Minutes (Minute 2:25)

A motion to approve the May 2023 meeting minutes was made by Patrick Whiteford and seconded by Jason Howard. There was no discussion. A vote was held, and the motion passed unanimously with no abstentions.

III. Announcements (Minute 3:05)

Jenna Leveille made the following announcements:

- The AGIC Newsletter for 2023 Quarter 3 has been released
- The Arizona National Geodetic Survey (NGS) Geodetic Advisor position is vacant and in the process of being filled. The application period closed August 2. In the interim, Lynda Bell is still supporting ongoing projects in the southwest.
- There was a 3D National Topography Model Data Collaboration Announcement. This will replace the 3D Elevation Program (3DEP) Business Associate Agreement (BAA) and will include data acquisition partnerships for both 3DEP and 3D Hydrography Program (3DHP). There is a webinar concerning this on August 9 at 1:00 PM eastern time.

IV. Budget Update (Minute 5:25)

Lucas Murray, AGIC Treasurer, reviewed the budget report provided to the Council prior to the meeting.

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- The membership dues for the National States Geographic Information Council (NSGIC) are being processed but have not been completed yet
- Hootsuite renewal fees will be due in November and Jenna said that ASLD will split the costs for the upcoming year
- Jenna reported the AGIC Spring Geospatial Summit had about 50 attendees and 6 sponsors. The event brought in just over \$1,000 in revenue, which will go into the conference budget. We have currently received \$250 in revenue and are expecting the rest from the meeting planner soon.

V. Items from the Chair (Minute 11:24) **Council Engagement**

- Quorum Requirements
 - Kevin reminded everyone that we have to have a quorum at all of our meetings (Council, Committee, and Workgroup). So please be sure to attend meetings if you are a voting member.
- Manual Requirement
 - Kevin reminded everyone that all Council members are required to review the manual and email Jenna stating they read it. He asked that Jenna send out a reminder to people who have not yet responded reminding them to please read the manual and respond.

Annual Report Request (Minute 13:13)

Shea and Lucas reported that the 2022 Annual Report has been published to the AGIC website and the Annual Report Workgroup is starting to work on the 2023 annual report. The report will be tied to the current governor's priorities. The workgroup will be asking different AGIC subject matter experts to contribute to sections that relate to their work. Please contact Shea or Lucas if you are interested. Nikki already offered to help work on the Expanding Healthcare section. The annual report timeframe is primarily calendar year, but then we need time to finalize it and publish it.

Jenna said that the 2022 Annual Report has gotten a lot of notice from the governor's office and it has helped raise awareness of AGIC and quantify what we've been doing.

Esri User Conference (Esri UC) General Discussion (Minute 18:05)

Jenna reported that the conference had a lot of people at it and was very good. Phil Ponce is glad to see Esri is working to create tools applicable to his customers without having to create custom tools. Veronica is interested in learning who else is using experience builder and wants to learn more about extracting information from imagery using AI. She said the Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR) is working on standard work for attending Esri UC, to get the process started early and is willing to share the process when it is completed. In the meantime, she would like to learn from others what they are doing. There was interest in that document.

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Brian Bond said that the sessions were focused more on general concepts and Esri encouraged people to attend 1:1 with Esri staff at Expo. Shaun Perfect from the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) presented on the ADOT Centerline Unification project.

Esri MPA Update (Minute 25:55)

Ryan Johnson reported that the contract has been extended for 2 months and he expects it to be extended in the future. Rena, the Arizona State Procurement Office (SPO) analyst, has left state service. John Redhorse with SPO has taken over and is currently working on a new Request For Proposal (RFP).

AZGeo Update (Minute 27:24)

Ryan and Jenna reported AZGeo is continuing to grow, with a lot of engagement around Broadband. The State Mine Inspector's office contacted the Arizona State Land Department (ASLD) about utilizing AZGeo. They are working with Mines to help with the inspection process. ASLD and ADWR signed an agreement to show flowline data on AZGeo open data, which will be the most authoritative water dataset in Arizona.

The building footprints data layer which was acquired by the Arizona Commerce Authority (ACA) as part of the challenge process, has been made available to the government group on AZGeo. Anyone with .gov or their contractors can join the group to access the data. It cannot not be shared outside of the government.

NGS SPCS2022 Update (Minute 34:06)

Michael Dennis provided an update of the National Geodetic Survey (NGS) State Plane Coordinate System (SPCS) 2022. He talked about the preliminary view of the modernized National Spatial Reference System (NSRS). He provided an overview of the [NGS Alpha Preliminary Products website](#). Some of the things you can do on the website include reviewing the zones and looking at example coordinates. This is valuable for checking software. There is a [Learn More](#) page where there are answers to a lot of common questions people are asking for. He reminded everyone that this is in the preliminary stage and things could therefore change.

NAIP 2023 (Minute 41:35)

Jenna and Keith reported that the National Agriculture Imagery Program (NAIP) data collection process is about 75% finished. The data are being collected at 30 centimeter, or 1 foot, resolution statewide. The US Forest Service has bought point cloud data and will put it in the public-domain. The US Department of Agriculture will release data from the cloud so Keith is unsure if it will look different from past years. Keith will work to get a hard-drive with data or try to download from the cloud server when it is available.

NSGIC Updates (Minute 45:13)

- NSGIC Annual Conference
 - The conference will be in September in New Orleans. Arizona will have a

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- strong presence and currently has 9 people attending.
- Jenna is giving a Geographic Information Officer (GIO) presentation regarding social media.
- There will be a lot of discussion on the National Spatial Data Infrastructure (NSDI), which will be giving states more control in the process.
- Geospatial Maturity Assessment (GMA) Timeline
 - We should expect to get the grade for Arizona by December.
 - At the 2024 NSGIC Mid-year Meeting, there will be discussion of the results from all of the reports, including the GMA, NSDI, and the Coalition of Geospatial Organizations (COGO)
- National Geospatial Collaborative - new 501c3
 - The National Geospatial Collaborative is a new 501C3 non-profit, which will help states with applying for grants and will work with states to fund them.
 - Jenna is the current president (note: the NSGIC Past President is always selected as President of NGC).
- COGO NSDI Assessment
 - For the first time the NSDI Assessment has been opened up to individuals to respond and they are very interested in hearing from analysts on how they are working with the NSDI data sets.
- Western States Caucus
 - The Western States Caucus is being more active and focusing on western states priority. They are working toward a common operating picture for the western states.
 - Steve Whitney shared [a story map](#) that demonstrates how different entities in the west are addressing needs.

VI. **AGIC Symposium Update (Minute 54:43)**

Steve reported that the conference is at the end of this month. The agenda is full and Joseph Kerski is the keynote, Steve Lewis (US Department of Transportation) is a luncheon speaker and Ten Across is the other luncheon speaker. As of July 30, there are 223 people registered and 28 sponsors. We would really like council members and committee chairs to volunteer to work at the registration desk. Also, this year's T-shirt design has been selected (celebrating 30 years) and was created by Jami Dennis.

VII. **AGIC Committee and Workgroup Reports (Minute 59:49)**

Administrative and Legal Committee

- Oaths are being processed. Those council members whose appointments are expiring will be getting notified soon.
- The 2023 annual report workgroup will start soon and we will be asking for subject matter experts from each committee and workgroup to support the effort.

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AZGeo Advisory Committee

- ASLD continues to coordinate to get more data into Portal and engage with community/customers at the spring summit. They are also continuing to promote AZGeo through partnerships and working to finalize the cost structure to fund Portal.

Data Committee

- The AGIC Spring Geospatial Summit was very successful. It was organized through a joint collaboration from multiple workgroups within the Data Committee, including the 4D Geospatial Workgroup, Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) Workgroup, and Natural Resources Workgroup.
- The Imagery Workgroup is meeting with stakeholders to look at the best mechanism to procure the new imagery.
- Arizona Continuously Operating Reference Stations (AZCORS) program is transitioning from ADOT to Arizona Water Resources (ADWR). The transition is about 50% complete.
- The SPCS2022 alpha version was released. Refer to the NGS SPCS2022 Update from Michael Dennis at minute 34:06 for more details.
- The UAS Workgroup will have a fly in event coming later in the year.

Data Committee Actionable Items (Minute 1:05:19)

A motion to approve the Data Committee 2023-24 Work Plan and Workgroup Work Plans was made by Kevin and seconded by Lucas. The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. AGIC Committee and Work Group Presentations (Minute 1:07:00)

Outreach Committee (Minute 1:07:02)

- Sage Donaldson, Outreach Committee Co-Chair, presented [a story map](#) with the committee's report.
- The Committee is working on a data discovery initiative (with the AZGeo Advisory Committee) and producing a story map to help people improve their data discovery. They are also working on defining standards for Authoritative Data and how AZGeo uses it. They will then work on a method for the AZGeo Advisory Committee to determine a dataset's authoritative or trusted status.
- The Mentor Program for 2023 just hit the halfway point (6 months). The majority of participants are meeting regularly and are saying their pairings are successful. The workgroup has also developed a mentor-in-training program, which has been successful.
- Activity on social media is still increasing and they are posting daily leading up to the conference.

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- The AGIC youtube channel is getting a lot of content and they have purchased microphones to record future outreach sessions and get those posted.

Public Safety Committee (Minute 1:19:51)

- Reported by Eric Shreve and Brian Bond, Public Safety Committee Co-Chairs
- The Public Safety Committee, formally known as the 9-1-1 Committee, changed their committee name since they now have a broader focus on public safety instead of strictly 911 efforts.
- They are working to merge committee objectives with Council goals using SMART objectives (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, and Time-Bound) and have been working more with the other AGIC committees and workgroups.
- They have created an Evacuation Workgroup.
- The Committee's goals include:
 - Coordination/Collaboration with agencies across state
 - Communicating what we do to GIS and non-GIS people and promote ourselves so we can get more people working together.
 - Support PSAPs migration to NG911. They are about halfway through getting PSAPs onto the NG911 System.

IX. Comments / Requests for Topics in future meetings (Minute 1:43:08)

The next meeting will be November 2 and will be a hybrid (i.e. in-person and virtual), with meeting space provided by the Maricopa Association of Government.

X. Call to the public (Minute 1:43:52)

Kevin Blake issued a call to the public to ask if there was anyone who registered to address the council and received no response.

XI. Adjourn (Minute 1:44:05)

Without objection, Kevin adjourned the meeting at 11:47 am.